

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/722,890

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.


1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Appeal Brief filed 06-10-2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13, 16, 17, 19 and 21-31.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20050915.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT and REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Manware (Reg. No. 48,758) on 09-15-05.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 14, 15, 18 and 20.

In claim 1, line 10: replace "and" with -- (c) determining whether the power supply in the main unit has enough power to activate the option pack fully and determining whether the third memory device on the main unit has enough memory capacity to store the applications and associated drivers stored on the second memory device of the option pack; and --.

In claim 1, line 11: replace "(c)" with -- (d) --.

In claim 17, lines 8-9: replace "unit and," with -- unit; (f) determining whether the main unit has enough power to activate the option pack fully and determining whether

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the main unit has enough memory capacity to store the applications and associated drivers available on the option pack; and --.

In claim 17, line 9: replace “(f)” with -- (g) --.

In claim 19, line 1: replace “claim 18” with -- claim 17 --.

In claim 21, line 1: replace “claim 20” with -- claim 17 --.

In claim 24, line 6: delete “and wherein”.

In claim 24, line 7: replace “unit.” with -- unit; and wherein the main unit determines whether the main unit has enough power to enable the option pack fully and determines whether the main unit has enough memory capacity to store the applications and associated drivers available on the option pack. --.

2. Claims 1-13, 16-17, 19 and 21-31 are allowed.

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

Reference Ishikawa et al. (US Patent 6,266,711) teaches option pack (11) to add additional functionalities to a main unit (10); the option pack comprising a first memory device configured to store an identification data and a second memory device configured to store one or more applications and drivers associated with the one or more applications; wherein the one or more applications and drivers are configured to be downloaded from the option pack to the main unit (col. 9 line 5 to col. 10 line 64). However, Ishikawa et al. does not teach determining whether the main unit has enough power to activate the option pack fully and determining whether the main unit has enough memory capacity to store the applications and associated drivers available on the option pack.

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The claims include the limitation of determining whether the main unit has enough power to activate the option pack fully and determining whether the main unit has enough memory capacity to store the applications and associated drivers available on the option pack, which is not shown by the prior art of record in the combination as disclosed and claimed.

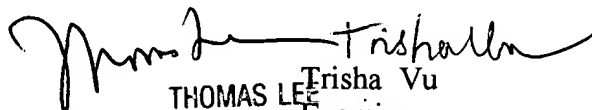
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trisha Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3643. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur and alternate Fri 8:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rehana Perveen can be reached on 571-272-3676. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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